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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. On 23 October 1951, jeeps were parked in front of a building opposite the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. Numerous officers and motor vehicles have been seen at the building since the Soviet quarters on Tolbukhinstrasse 10 were vacated, while previously motor vehicles were seldom parked there. About 30 motor vehicles,

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25X1 were in the garage on Pernerstorferstrasse. There was still little activity among the vehicles at the garage on Alxingerstrasse. No motor vehicles were under repair. The five light armored vehicles previously observed were still in the garage. The hospital on Leibnitzgasse was still in operation. No activity was observed at the bakery on Davidgasse. *

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2. On 23 October, source observed that old, partly damaged brick buildings, probably former stables, were included in the billeting area of the Flak Kaserne in Baden (O 49/X 37) on the road to Soos (O 48/X 36). These buildings were surrounded by a fence. Two groups of 24 soldiers, each wearing black-bordered red epaulets with yellow braids paralleling the red pipings and with a captain in charge stood in front of the Trost Kaserne. Holding copy-books in their hands, the soldiers seemed to be attending a course of instruction. Officers observed entering or leaving the installation during a two-hour period of observation included 26 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including two lieutenant colonels; 18 officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, including one colonel; and seven officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including two captains. Eight trucks were in the section of the barracks yard which was visible from the street.

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25X1 * comment. The information fails to indicate whether the building opposite the Trost Kaserne, which quarters the 44th Cds Mecz Regt of the 13th Cds Mecz Div, also houses troops of the division. However, it is possible that, upon transfer of the Hq 13th Cds Mecz Div from Tolbukhinstrasse, an office of the division headquarters moved into the house concerned.

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